

COYLE PLAY THEORY IN COYLE'S DEATH

May Have Been Thrown from Pullman Sleeper.

WATCH AND MONEY MISSING

Employee of the District Assessor's Office Found Lying Inaccessible Along Pennsylvania Tracks Near Stanton, Del., Left Washington with Friends—Two Dollars on Person.

Peter Thompson Coyle, a popular young athlete-clerk, employed in the District Assessor's office, who was found fatally injured early yesterday morning along the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Stanton, Del., and who later died at the General Hospital, is thought to have been the victim of foul play.

Coyle was on his way to Atlantic City to visit his mother. Friends of the dead man claim he left Washington with several dollars and a gold watch, both of which were missing when his clothes were found in the berth of the sleeper.

It also said Coyle did not have an enemy in the world, and was never worried, and that when he left the District building the night before he was in good spirits over the knowledge he was going on his vacation and to enjoy himself. He was seen with his watch in his hand a few minutes before he left the assessor's office for the Union Station.

Found by an Italian.

When Coyle was found by an Italian walkman he was found only in night clothes. He had been a passenger on the 10:30 section of train No. 8 from Washington, and occupied a berth in the sleeper. The report that he had fallen out the window has been given little credence by the authorities, as the man was too tall, being about five feet eleven inches in height, and it would have taken some effort on his part to have gotten through the window.

The fact that Coyle was found dressed in night shirt, that when his clothes were taken from the berth at Philadelphia and were found to contain only \$2 and the authorities to entertain the robbery idea.

The train crew knew nothing of the affair until word was telegraphed from Stanton to Philadelphia.

News of his death was received in Washington yesterday afternoon, and caused profound sorrow among the men of the District building, where he was known as "Pete" Coyle. He was one of the most popular employees of the District government. He had been captain of the assessor's basketball team, taking active interest in amateur baseball in Washington for the last four years.

With several other employees of the assessor's office, Coyle worked at the District building on Friday night until 10:30 o'clock. He left the fellow-employees that he was going to leave Washington on the midnight train to spend Sunday with his mother in Atlantic City.

Wife Lives in Baltimore.

Coyle was about thirty years of age. His home was at 111 North Calvert street, Baltimore, where his wife and mother lived. He was in the habit of making frequent trips to Baltimore. His home in Washington was at 718 Nineteenth street.

During the Spanish-American war Coyle was an ensign in the navy.

His wife is Mrs. Louise Craigen Coyle, of the Baltimore News, who writes under the pen name of "Leonore Calvert." She was notified of her husband's death, and she accompanied by Deputy State's Attorney Eugene O'Donnell, who was in Baltimore last night and claimed the remains.

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KNOCKED MAN FROM CAR.

Dray Striking Rear Platform, Threw Bennett to Pavement.

James S. Bennett, thirty-five years old, an employee of the Department of Agriculture, was knocked from the rear platform of a street car in Ninth street, between L and M streets northwest, at 8 o'clock last night, by a wagon of the Columbia Transfer Company. Bennett sustained injuries to his back and one hip, and was taken to his home, 147 Eleventh street northeast, where he was treated by his family physician.

The car upon which Bennett was riding was full of passengers, and the back platform was crowded. Bennett was riding on the side near the street. Just after passing the intersection of M street a heavy dray, driven by Earnest Ambrose, swerved and struck the rear of the car. Bennett was knocked to the ground. Several other men were severely shaken. The driver of the van was arrested.

SUFFRAGE FOR DISTRICT.

New Club Holds Meeting in Costello's Hall.

Sam De Nedrey, in a speech last night at the first public meeting of the National Congressional Campaign Club, in Costello's Hall, declared one of the objects of the organization was to obtain the right of suffrage in the District.

Mr. De Nedrey, who has been elected president of the club, gave an outline of the programme to be performed by its members the remainder of the campaign.

He attributed a number of so-called evil conditions in Washington to the fact that most of the office holders here are men of far-away States, who have no interest, except a personal one, in the National Capital.

The speaker drew a contrast between Washington and other large cities where the people have a voice in the government by their right to go to the polls and vote for the man who will fulfill their wishes.

President De Nedrey said that in addition to agitating the suffrage question in the District the club would try to enlist the aid of members of Congress.

Announcement was made that the club would hold its second public meeting at Costello's Hall on Thursday night, September 3, for a permanent meeting night. A number of new members were enrolled.

GUEST MAKES EXIT WITH \$26

Good Samaritan Role No More for Luther Baker.

Took Stranger Home for Slumber, but Latter Decamped Without Saying Good-by.

Luther Baker has decided that playing the Good Samaritan is not all it is cracked up to be. Henceforth, Baker will look askance at any stranger who seems in need of succor, and the chances are that he will cross to the other side of the street or beat around the nearest corner without loss of time.

Last Thursday Baker was strolling down the street when he was approached by a man about forty-five years old, his features hidden beneath a three days' growth of beard, and his clothing showing signs of hard wear. The stranger told a tale of woe, and thinking he discerned traces of refinement beneath the shaggy growth of whiskers, Baker took him to a nearby lunch room, staked him to a square meal, and then took him to his home, at 508 H street northeast.

When Baker awoke Friday morning his guest was missing. An inventory of his belongings showed that \$26 also was missing. The coincidence in the two disappearances raised a suspicion in Baker's mind, and yesterday he told the police of his troubles.

"No more of the good Samaritan dope for me; henceforth and forever me to be the stony-hearted one," whispered Baker, as he sadly shook his head, patted his depleted roll, and left police headquarters.

RICH CUBAN GETS DIVORCE

Antonio Ruiz Secures a Decree in New York.

Alfred Vanderbilt Said to Be Mentioned, but No Testimony Is Made Public.

White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Referee George A. Wyre, of Nyack, who was appointed to take testimony in connection with the suit for divorce brought by Antonio Ruiz, a wealthy Cuban, against his wife, Mrs. Mary Agnes O'Brien Ruiz, in which it has been reported persistently that Alfred G. Vanderbilt was specifically mentioned, today reported to Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, at White Plains, in favor of granting an interlocutory decree to Mr. Ruiz.

The findings of fact by the referee and the testimony taken were handed up to Justice Tompkins by Lawyer George Y. Baughle, of Manhattan, who represented Mr. Ruiz. The defendant also had a legal representative present in the court, but no opposition was made to granting the decree.

Not an inkling regarding the testimony was made public, as Justice Tompkins said he would take the evidence to his home and read it before signing the decree, which will be an interlocutory one. In three months, if no new evidence is developed, Mr. Ruiz will be then entitled to his final decree of divorce.

SHOOTS BLACK HAND DEAD.

Barber Fires After Being Accosted on Street.

Johnston, Pa., Aug. 29.—Talero Tizio called Nicholas Cavato into the yard at the rear of the latter's barber shop here this afternoon, and asked if the barber had received a letter.

"Well, you will get one," said Tizio, "and it will be notice that unless you give me \$500 before 5 this evening you will be killed."

Cavato promptly drew a revolver and shot the Black Hand, killing him instantly. He surrendered to the police.

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MRS. EARLY JOINS SALVATION ARMY

Wife of Leper Takes Part in the Night Services.

PAYS VISIT TO HER HUSBAND

Affecting Meeting of Leprosy Victim with His Wife and Baby, Who Show No Symptoms of the Disease. Would Remain in Washington to Cheer Her Stricken Companion.

Lottie Early, wife of John R. Early, the leper, marched down Pennsylvania avenue last night, keeping time in her steps to the drum beats of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Early was happy in the consciousness that she and her baby have not yet developed any symptoms of leprosy. They were examined yesterday by physicians of the health department and were found to be free of the malady which has broken up their home and isolated the husband and father.

Mrs. Early may remain in Washington and engage in Salvation Army work. She feels that her place is near her husband, who needs her sympathy.

Fears for Her Child.

The severest trial upon her is the knowledge that little Emanuel Early, aged eleven months, may become afflicted with the disease. Unquestionably, at the time of the child's birth, Early was in the first stages of the disease. The boy was with his father constantly until two weeks ago, when he died.

Mrs. Early recalls how the leper fondled the child before he left for Washington.

Accompanied by Mrs. Larmour, her mother, the leper's wife arrived in Washington Friday night, going to the Salvation Army Home. Later she was driven in a carriage, with the child, to see her husband. Early was standing near the front of his tent when she arrived. He lifted a hand and warned her not to come too near. Mrs. Early noticed the condition of his hands, and the words "They were not like that before."

She knows Her Duty.

"Would you nurse him if he remained here?" she was asked.

"I can't say," she replied. "I know my place is by my husband. For myself I do not care, but the baby—"

"Will you join the Salvation Army?"

"If I remain here I will," she replied. "I have served before, and it is my duty to do so again."

"I met my husband five years ago in Plattsburg, N. Y.," she continued. "At that time he was not well. We were married there while he was in the army. Soon afterward he was compelled, through ill-health, to give up his military life. He was never stricken."

Ten years ago, in the Spanish-American war, he contracted yellow fever in the island of Cuba, and slowly wasted away. At that time a general body seemed to set in, and for years afterward he grew worse and worse."

"We both entered into the work of the Salvation Army as captains, in O'waga, N. Y. John was always a man of deeply religious tendencies, and his work was pleasant and congenial. We were very happy together, caring only for each other and living only for ourselves. Maybe we were selfish in our happiness, and my husband's fate is our punishment."

With the exception of the time she attended the services of the Salvation Army, Mrs. Early remained in her room with her mother and baby. She has no knowledge of how he contracted the disease, nor does she seem able to understand the nature of Early's malady. She talks at times of doctors and medicine as though she felt his recovery was only a question of time.

"Twelve years is a long time," she said, "and he surely ought to be better before leprosy gets a firmer hold upon him."

"I would like to have him stay in Washington, for it seems to be the one place on earth where he can rest and receive proper treatment. In North Carolina he would not get the medical attention he is given here. If he stays here, he will be housed in a little cottage and given every care and attention that can be given him."

The mother corroborated the testimony given by the children. She also said the doctor had insisted that he do with it. She testified that she did not know of the conduct of the doctor before the day of the shooting, and this was borne out by the statement of young Haskell, when he said:

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

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Bookman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, left Washington yesterday on an extended Western tour. He will go to the Yellowstone Park, and from there to the Pacific coast, and be absent a month. Mrs. Winthrop accompanied him.

Members of the J. R. Forsaker Negro Republican Club will hold a meeting Wednesday night at 213 Twelfth street, to discuss the possibility of appointing a committee to organize Republican clubs throughout the city. E. N. Colbert, acting president, will preside.

On Wednesday next the Lott Cary Baptist District Foreign Mission convention will convene at Zion Baptist Church. It will last through the week, and there will be new sessions daily. Commencement will be held on Wednesday.

Rev. Alexander Wilbanks, pastor of Pleasant Baptist Church, will preach on "The Sun Do Move" at a gospel feast and bus meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Green Willow Park, Annapolis. Rev. Dr. Wilbanks will deliver a sermon on "The Handwriting on the Wall" at 7:30 o'clock.

Buster Tuckson, eleven years old, a negro, living in Springdale alley southwest, was drowned from Williams' wharf, as a foot high timber-half erect, at noon yesterday. The boy was recovered by the crew of the police tug, and taken to the morgue. The boy was fishing when the accident occurred.

Charged with the larceny of a gold watch and chain, Oscar Glenn was arrested by Police Officer Lake, of the Third precinct, yesterday morning. The watch and chain are alleged to have been stolen from Mrs. Connelly, of 1119 Connecticut avenue. The prisoner is taking the watch, and the police, and said he intended making a trip to Atlantic City on what he expected to get from the sale of the timepiece.

LIEUT. BOWEN SAVED.

President Roosevelt Commutes His Sentence of Dismissal.

President Roosevelt has commuted the sentence of dismissal from the army imposed by a court martial upon First Lieut. William S. Bowen, of the Coast Artillery Corps, to a reduction of thirty days in the lineal list of first lieutenants of the Coast Artillery Corps. Lieut. Bowen was charged with neglect of duty and making false reports in connection with the taking of depositions of enlisted men to be used in court martial cases.

Lieut. Bowen is a native of Nebraska. In the Spanish war he served as a private and corporal of Company G, of the Second Nebraska Infantry. At the end of the war he entered the regular army as a private of the Fourteenth Infantry. He obtained a commission as second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps in February, 1901, and was promoted to first lieutenant in March, 1906.

ACCUSE THE DOCTOR

Physician Tebbis Given Hearing at Forrestville, Va.

Children Placed on Stand

Mother Also Gives Testimony in Case that Has Stirred Fairfax County—Tell the Story of Alleged Misconduct on Part of Physician. Hearing in a Schoolhouse.

At the hearing given Dr. A. S. Tebbis at Forrestville, Fairfax County, Va., on charge of improper conduct toward Mrs. Mary Louisa Haskell and her young daughters, the crowd of spectators who had gathered to hear the case were surprised by being ordered from the courtroom by Justice of the Peace J. N. Pollin.

The court convened in an abandoned schoolhouse, and the desk formerly used by the teacher was converted into a bar of justice, while the old seats were used by the defendant, plaintiff, witnesses, and lawyers.

Conducted the Case.

Acting Commonwealth's Attorney John W. Rust conducted the case for the State against the aged physician, Walter T. Oliver, S. H. McCandless, and R. W. Stump appeared for the defendant.

Mrs. Haskell and her children testified, and the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Counsel for the defense objected to the testimony of the children, saying they were too young to understand the meaning of an oath. Judge Pollin asked the two youngest children if they knew what an oath meant, and they answered "The truth," after which answer the judge ruled they could testify.

There was some delay in the starting of the trial, because of efforts by the lawyers for the defense to effect a compromise, but at the last moment the matter of the little girls directed:

"Let the case go to trial, don't believe any jury in Virginia will convict my son."

Louise Haskell, seven years of age, was the first witness. The child stated her charge against the physician. She told her sister Edith of what had occurred.

"Did you ever go in the buggy with Dr. Tibbs?"

"Yes."

The witness added she went with him before the alleged insult was offered, but did not go with him afterward, although she lived in the country about a month longer.

Mrs. Haskell, sister of the preceding witness, the next to be called, is five years of age. She told the magistrate that she saw practically what her sister charged against the doctor.

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Dorothy Haskell, nine years of age, testified she had lived in the country during the summer of 1907, and that the doctor was similar to that charged by her sister, Louise.

Had Discussed It.

She had frequently discussed the affair with her mother, and the latter had told her what to say.

The mother corroborated the testimony given by the children. She also said the doctor had insisted that he do with it. She testified that she did not know of the conduct of the doctor before the day of the shooting, and this was borne out by the statement of young Haskell, when he said:

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